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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Application Number	10 / 648, 997
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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

RETRACTABLE FACE SAFETY FOR A FIREARM

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

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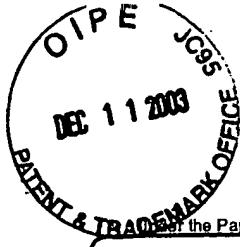
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